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Response to Telephone Interview of December 21, 2004
Second Supplemental Amendment dated January 10, 2005

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for her time and consideration during the telephone interview of December 21, 2004.

Applicant has amended claims 1 and 15 to expedite prosecution. These amendments do not introduce new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

In response to the interview, applicant is amending the claims to expedite prosecution. Claim 1 has been amended to a preferred embodiment, namely screening for melanoma using immunohistochemistry. Claims 2 and 15 were cancelled as redundant. As discussed at the interview, Applicant is submitting a Declaration by Dr. Fisher indicating that the Mi antibodies used to screen for melanoma do not need to distinguish between the different Mi isoforms to determine whether a malignant cell expressing Mi is indicative of melanoma.

Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

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